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Subject [TEA-L] December Announcements

Hello everyone,  
Here are the announcements regarding T3 this month.

Let me know if I can assist you with anything.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Thanks,  
Katie

#### **ARRA Reporting Update**

TEA will open the Expenditure Reporting (ER) system on December 13, 2010, to accept ARRA Section 1512 quarterly reports for the October 1 through December 31, 2010 reporting period. By 5:00 p.m. Central Time, January 5, 2011, all LEAs with an ARRA Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) with an approval date prior to January 1, 2011, must report required data for each NOGA. To ensure data quality, when an LEA certifies and submits a quarterly report between December 13 and 31, 2010, TEA's ER system will block the submission of a reimbursement request for that NOGA until January 1, 2011. For more information on this unique aspect of submitting reports prior to January 1, 2011, recorded webinars are provided at [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5286&menu\\_id=934&menu\\_id2=941](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5286&menu_id=934&menu_id2=941).

Keep up with the latest on ARRA Stimulus funding here: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>. Remember that the uses of the ARRA Title II D funds should focus on reaching the Target Tech level on the Texas Campus and Teacher STaR Charts <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/starchart>.

#### **Fifth Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports**

Please remember that the fifth quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports are due on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. They can be found attached to this email or on Project Share. Go to the T3 Grant group, then click Drop boxes, and find the "Progress Report Templates" and "Evaluation Toolkit and Files" drop boxes. Please submit completed Progress Reports and Evaluation reports to [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us).

#### **SXSWedu**

The **Project Share** team at the **Texas Education Agency** is pleased to announce an educational conference celebrating Texas' new K-12 education portal, Project Share. The conference, "Project Share: Knowledge Knows No Boundaries," will be hosted by SXSWedu March 8-10, 2011, at the ATT Conference Center in Austin, Texas. For more information, please go to [sxswedu.com](http://sxswedu.com). Project Share is a Texas Education Agency initiative that supports the development and delivery of high quality professional development for Texas educators in an interactive and engaging online learning environment. More than 180,000 Texas educators have already been provided access to the Project Share online community, and the number of participating Texas educators continues to grow. In

addition to professional development opportunities, Project Share provides Texas teachers support, collaboration, and resources from across the state, including multimedia content provided through Texas Education on iTunes U. To learn more, go [to projectsharetexas.org](http://projectsharetexas.org). Online registration for "Project Share: Knowledge Knows No Boundaries" and an invitation to submit session proposals for review by the TEA can be found at [sxswedu.com](http://sxswedu.com).

### **Share your vision for education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

Participate in Speak Up 2010 through Fri., Jan 21, 2011.

Join with educators from across the country that use the Speak Up Surveys to identify how their students, teachers, administrators and parents want to use technology for learning, communications and collaboration.

Participating in the Speak Up Surveys is free and 100% confidential. Best of all, you will have free online access to your survey results to use for your own technology initiatives .

It's easy to get started, visit the Speak Up website to register your district (or school) at <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2010/> Then encourage your students, parents, teachers and administrators to take the online survey. To help you out, check out the tools and tips on the Project Tomorrow website at [http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/speak\\_up\\_faq.html](http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/speak_up_faq.html)

If you would like additional information or have questions, please contact the Speak Up team at [speakup@tomorrow.org](mailto:speakup@tomorrow.org) or 949 609-4660 ext 12.

### **Reminder: Texas Education Agency Federal Audits of ARRA Funding**

There is a very strong possibility that all T3 Collaborative ARRA funded grants will be audited. Some of your collaboratives have already started the process and recommend that others have the following items ready in advance to make the audit process as smooth as possible .

Appropriate documentation for:

- ARRA expenditure reports
- Title II, Part D expenditures
- Quarterly Progress Reports for the entire collaborative
- Quarterly Evaluator Reports
- Contracts
- Shared Service Agreements
- Amendments
- Any survey results
- Any documentation regarding monitoring of activities

Please feel free to contact [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us) with any questions you have during the audit process.

### **Reminder: Fall/Spring Site Visits**

During site visits this fall, we had the chance to speak with administrators, instructional technologists, principals, teachers, and students and hear about the positive impact the T3 funding is making in their

schools through extensive professional development and technology purchases . We look forward to planning more visits after the first of the New Year and throughout the spring . Please be sure to let us know if there is a certain event or particular time that you would like us to visit your area to showcase your collaborative's hard work and we will try to be there .



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